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Subject: May 2017 Cultural Resource Monitoring Report for Expanded Area of Potential Effects
Leviathan Mine Site
Alpine County, California

Dear Ms. Deschambault:

This letter summarizes the cultural resource monitoring activities conducted by Atlantic Richfield Company in May 2017 within the expanded Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Leviathan Mine Site in Alpine County, California. Cultural resource monitoring associated with 2017 Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS) ground disturbing field activities within the expanded APE is being performed in accordance with the Section 106 protocols (protocols) presented in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) letter dated April 19, 2016. The protocols state that U.S. EPA "shall provide a monthly letter summary report to the consulting parties." In addition, "the monthly report will be provided to the parties within 30 days after the end of the reporting month, and will include a letter summarizing the month's activities and cultural resources found, and the actions taken to avoid any such resources." We understand that U.S. EPA will provide this letter as the monthly letter summary report to the consulting parties.

The RI/FS is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Work attached to the *Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Docket No. 2008-18* issued by the U.S. EPA on June 23, 2008.

During May, 2017, Amec Foster Wheeler's archaeologists conducted Class I intensive surveys with a Washoe Tribe monitor preceding RI/FS ground disturbing activities planned for areas within the expanded APE. Field tasks consisted of:

- ☐ Survey of drive-point piezometer installation locations in Upper Leviathan Creek. No cultural resources were observed during this task.
- ☐ Preliminary survey of Camp Isbell (former maintenance building complex in Aspen Creek drainage).

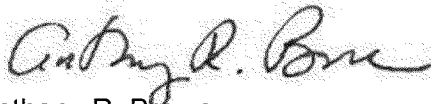


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An intensive survey and formal evaluation of Camp Isbell was conducted on June 26 through June 28, 2017. When the draft site record for Camp Isbell is completed, it will be included in a subsequent monthly report.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (657) 529-4537 or anthony.brown@bp.com.

Sincerely,



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